

Memorandum

To: DISTRICT DIVISION CHIEFS, CONSTRUCTION
AREA CONSTRUCTION MANAGERS
SENIOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERS
RESIDENT ENGINEERS

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File: Construction Program
Directive CPD-01-3

From: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM, MS 44

Subject: Amendment to Section 8-2 of Special Provisions on All on-going Projects

Caltrans is in the process of revising Section 90, *Portland Cement Concrete*, of the *Standard Specifications*. Included in this revision is an increase to the number of days allowed to obtain the specified 28-day compressive strength for concrete which is designated and tested by compressive strength, i.e., 28MPa or greater, and for which mineral admixture is required.

Standard Special Provision 8-2 which includes the requirement to add mineral admixture (flyash or silica fume), included in most on-going contracts, allows seven additional days to obtain the specified '28-day' strength. Revised Section 90, to be included in future contracts, will allow 14 additional days (42 days total) to obtain the specified 28-day compressive strength. Until the revised specification is included in the contract special provisions, the Construction Program is recommending that, for projects that require mineral admixture, the resident engineer is to execute a change order, at the contractor's request, to implement a change to allow 42 days to obtain the specified compressive strength.

This change should be documented by a "no cost" district or region approved contract change order (CCO).

Federal Highway Administration concurrence has been obtained, and there is no need for Construction Program approval of a no-cost CCO resulting from this specification change.

A sample CCO and memorandum are attached for the resident engineer's use.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Austin Perez at (916) 654-5259.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:
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Attachment

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